

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 3 and 8 entirely without prejudice or disclaimer. Please amend claims 5, 6 and 7 to read as follows. Please add new claim 9.

AMENDED CLAIMS

1. - 4.(cancelled)

5.(currently amended) A recombinant expression vector ~~of claim 3 wherein~~ comprising the nucleotide sequence ~~is that shown in~~ of SEQ ID NO: 1.

6.(currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule ~~comprising~~ consisting of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

7.(currently amended) A cell comprising the vector of Claim [[3]] 5.

8 (cancelled)

9. (new) A method of producing a protein, comprising culturing a cell of claim 11 under conditions permitting expression of the polypeptide.